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Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust
Treated as a Private Foundation

2001

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Note The organization may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

For calendar year 2001, or tax year beginning , and ending

G Check all that apply Initial return Final return Amended return Address change Name change

Use the IRS label Otherwise, print or type See Specific Instructions

Name of organization: **HOWARD G. BUFFETT FOUNDATION**

Employer identification number: **47-0824756**

Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: **407 SOUTHMORELAND PLACE**

Telephone number: **217/429-3988**

City or town, state, and ZIP code: **DECATUR, IL 62521**

H Check type of organization Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) **\$ 33382461**

J Accounting method Cash Accrual Other (specify)

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income N/A	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	2 Distributions from split-interest trusts				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	31087.	31087.		STATEMENT 1
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents				
	b (Net rental income or loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	3593795.			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	3594630.			
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		3593795.		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss)					
11 Other income					
12 Total Add lines 1 through 11	3624882.	3624882.			
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	0.	0.		0.
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	3000.	3000.		0.
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees STMT 2	10996.	10996.		0.
	b Accounting fees STMT 3	5211.	5211.		0.
	c Other professional fees				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes STMT 4	20748.	20748.		0.
	19 Depreciation and depletion	171.	171.		
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	7590.	7590.		0.
22 Printing and publications	3533.	3533.		0.	
23 Other expenses STMT 5	4577.	4577.		0.	
24 Total operating and administrative expenses Add lines 13 through 23	55826.	55826.		0.	
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	2175359.			2175359.	
26 Total expenses and disbursements Add lines 24 and 25	2231185.	55826.		2175359.	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	1393697.				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		3569056.			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter 0-)			N/A		

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		Beginning of year		End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value			
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing					
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	1747815.	3135809.	3135809.		
	3	Accounts receivable ▶					
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶					
	4	Pledges receivable ▶					
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶					
	5	Grants receivable					
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons					
	7	Other notes and loans receivable ▶					
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶					
	8	Inventories for sale or use					
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges					
	10a	Investments - U S and state government obligations					
		b Investments - corporate stock STMT 6	7513.	6679.	30240000.		
		c Investments - corporate bonds					
11	Investments land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶						
	Less accumulated depreciation ▶						
12	Investments - mortgage loans						
13	Investments - other						
14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶	6823.					
	Less accumulated depreciation STMT 7 ▶	171.		6652.	6652.		
15	Other assets (describe ▶)						
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers)	1755328.	3149140.	33382461.			
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		115.			
	18	Grants payable					
	19	Deferred revenue					
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons					
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable					
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)					
23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	115.				
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31						
	24	Unrestricted					
	25	Temporarily restricted					
	26	Permanently restricted					
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31						
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0.	0.			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund	0.	0.			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	1755328.	3149025.			
30	Total net assets or fund balances	1755328.	3149025.				
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1755328.	3149140.				

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	1755328.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	1393697.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	3149025.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II column (b), line 30	6	3149025.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr)
1a			
b	SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT		
c			
d			
e			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a			
b			
c			
d			
e	3594630.	835.	3593795.

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(j) FMV as of 12/31/69	(l) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (j) over col (l), if any	
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			3593795.

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) (If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 ; If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7)	2	3593795.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	3	N/A

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the organization liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No

If "Yes," the organization does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2000	1020067.	30514224.	.0334292
1999	0.	27136750.	.0000000
1998			
1997			
1996			

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	.0334292
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	.0167146
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2001 from Part X, line 5	4	30926868.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	516930.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	35691.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	552621.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	2175359.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate
See the Part VI instructions

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling letter _____ (attach copy of ruling letter if necessary-see instructions)		
b	Domestic organizations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	35691.
c	All other domestic organizations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	2	0.
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	35691.
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	4	0.
5	Tax based on Investment Income Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-	5	35691.
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2001 estimated tax payments and 2000 overpayment credited to 2001	6a	35960.
b	Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	7	35960.
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	
10	Overpayment If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	269.
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2002 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> 269. Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11	0.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a		X
1b		X
1c		X
2		X
3		X
4a		X
4b		X
5		X
6	X	
7	X	
8a		
8b	X	
9		X
10		X
11	X	

1a During the tax year, did the organization attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?

1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for definition)?
If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the organization in connection with the activities

1c Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?

2 Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year
(1) On the organization \$ 0. (2) On organization managers \$ 0.

3 Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the organization during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on organization managers \$ 0.

2 Has the organization engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?
If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities

3 Has the organization made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes

4a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? N/A

5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?
If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T

6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either
• By language in the governing instrument or
• By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?

7 Did the organization have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year?
If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV

8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ILLINOIS, NEBRASKA

b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the organization furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation

9 Is the organization claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2001 or the taxable year beginning in 2001 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV

10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year?
If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses

11 Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?
Web site address N/A

12 The books are in care of KARA HUBNER Telephone no 217/429-3988
Located at 407 SOUTHMORELAND PLACE, DECATUR, IL ZIP+4 62521

13 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 13 N/A

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies

Table with columns for question text, Yes/No checkboxes, and a grid with Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a through 6a regarding disqualifying activities, taxes on failure to distribute income, and excess business holdings.

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
HOWARD G. BUFFETT 407 SOUTHMORELAND PLACE DECATUR, IL 62521	PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR 30	0.	0.	0.
DEVON G. BUFFETT 407 SOUTHMORELAND PLACE DECATUR, IL 62521	TREASURER, DIRECTOR 10	0.	0.	0.
RONALD O. OLSON 355 S GRAND AVE., 35TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90071	SECRETARY, DIRECTOR 5	0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1) If none, enter "NONE"

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

0

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services If none, enter "NONE"

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services

0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
1 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2		Amount
1	N/A	
2		
3	All other program-related investments See instructions	
Total Add lines 1 through 3		0.

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	30216232.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	1174952.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	6652.
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	31397836.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	31397836.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	470968.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	30926868.
6	Minimum investment return Enter 5% of line 5	6	1546343.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	1546343.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2001 from Part VI, line 5	2a	35691.
b	Income tax for 2001 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	35691.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	1510652.
4a	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4a	0.
b	Income distributions from section 4947(a)(2) trusts	4b	0.
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4c	5	1510652.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	1510652.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	2175359.
b	Program-related investments - Total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	2175359.
5	Organizations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	35691.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	2139668.

Note The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2000	(c) 2000	(d) 2001
1 Distributable amount for 2001 from Part XI, line 7				1510652.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2000:				
a Enter amount for 2000 only			542689.	
b Total for prior years 19 __, 19 __, 19 __		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any to 2001:				
a From 1996				
b From 1997				
c From 1998				
d From 1999				
e From 2000				
f Total of lines 3a through e	0.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2001 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 2175359.				
a Applied to 2000, but not more than line 2a			542689.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2001 distributable amount				1510652.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	122018.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2001 (If an amount appears in column (c), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	122018.			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2000 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instr			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2001 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2002				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(E) or 4942(g)(3)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 1996 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2002 Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	122018.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 1997				
b Excess from 1998				
c Excess from 1999				
d Excess from 2000				
e Excess from 2001	122018.			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII A, question 9)

N/A

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2001, enter the date of the ruling

Empty box for ruling date

b Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section

4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

Table with 5 columns: Tax year (a) 2001, (b) 2000, (c) 1999, (d) 1998, (e) Total. Rows include 85% of line 2a, Qualifying distributions from Part XII, and Alternative tests.

b 85% of line 2a

c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed

d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities

e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c

3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon

a "Assets" alternative test - enter (1) Value of all assets (2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)

b "Endowment" alternative test - Enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed

c "Support" alternative test - enter (1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)

(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)

(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization

(4) Gross investment income

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year-see page 26 of the instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

NONE

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

NONE

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc, Programs

Check here [X] if the organization only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the organization makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

c Any submission deadlines

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu- sion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	31087.	
4 Dividends and interest from securities					
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					3593795.
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e)		0.		31087.	3593795.
13 Total Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)					3624882.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Line No ▼	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes)
8	N/A

Part XVII: Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

- 1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?
 - a Transfers from the reporting organization to a noncharitable exempt organization of
 - (1) Cash **1a(1)** Yes No
 - (2) Other assets **1a(2)** Yes No
 - b Other Transactions
 - (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization **1b(1)** Yes No
 - (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization **1b(2)** Yes No
 - (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets **1b(3)** Yes No
 - (4) Reimbursement arrangements **1b(4)** Yes No
 - (5) Loans or loan guarantees **1b(5)** Yes No
 - (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations **1b(6)** Yes No
 - c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees **1c** Yes No
- d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting organization. If the organization received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received

(a) Line no.	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements
		N/A	

2a Is the organization directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? Yes No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship
	N/A	

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return including accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer or fiduciary) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here	Signature of officer or trustee: <i>Howard Buffett</i>	Date: 05/08/02	Title: PRESIDENT
	Preparer's signature: <i>Sandra J Ware</i>	Date: 5/1/02	Preparer's SSN or PTIN: P00125421
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed): SANDRA J WARE, CPA	EIN:	Phone no: 217/429-1143
	Address and ZIP code: 132 S. WATER ST., SUITE 440 DECATUR, ILLINOIS 62523		

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

	(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold, e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr)
1a	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY CLASS A - 6 SHARES	D	12/07/99	03/20/01
b	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY CLASS A - 4 SHARES	D	12/07/99	08/17/01
c	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY CLASS A - 10 SHARES	D	12/07/99	10/08/01
d	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY CLASS A - 10 SHARES	D	12/07/99	10/15/01
e	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY CLASS A - 10 SHARES	D	12/07/99	10/22/01
f	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY CLASS A - 10 SHARES	D	12/07/99	10/29/01
g				
h				
i				
j				
k				
l				
m				
n				
o				

	(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a	389957.		100.	389857.
b	277971.		67.	277904.
c	722926.		167.	722759.
d	735925.		167.	735758.
e	746925.		167.	746758.
f	720926.		167.	720759.
g				
h				
i				
j				
k				
l				
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Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Losses (from col (h)) Gains (excess of col (h) gain over col (k), but not less than "-0-")
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
a			389857.
b			277904.
c			722759.
d			735758.
e			746758.
f			720759.
g			
h			
i			
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2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I line 7 If (loss), enter "-0-" in Part I line 7 }	2	3593795.
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) If (loss), enter "-0-" in Part I, line 8	3	N/A

FORM 990-PF INTEREST ON SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 1

SOURCE	AMOUNT
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	21725.
SALOMON SMITH BARNEY MM	9362.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 3, COLUMN A	31087.

FORM 990-PF LEGAL FEES STATEMENT 2

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
JENNER & BLOCK	10666.	10666.		0.
WINTERS, FEATHERSTUN ET AL	330.	330.		0.
TO FM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16A	10996.	10996.		0.

FORM 990-PF ACCOUNTING FEES STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
OLIVE/BKD, LLP	5211.	5211.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	5211.	5211.		0.

FORM 990-PF TAXES STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
FEDERAL TAX	20389.	20389.		0.
ILLINOIS TAX	15.	15.		0.
PAYROLL TAX	344.	344.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	20748.	20748.		0.

FORM 990-PF OTHER EXPENSES STATEMENT 5

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
MISCELLANEOUS	4577.	4577.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	4577.	4577.		0.

FORM 990-PF CORPORATE STOCK STATEMENT 6

DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY CLASS A STOCK	6679.	30240000.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	6679.	30240000.

FORM 990-PF DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS NOT HELD FOR INVESTMENT STATEMENT 7

DESCRIPTION	COST OR OTHER BASIS	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	BOOK VALUE
COMPUTER	6823.	171.	6652.
TOTAL TO FM 990-PF, PART II, LN 14	6823.	171.	6652.

FORM 990-PF GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PAID DURING THE YEAR STATEMENT 8

RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RECIPIENT STATUS	PURPOSE OF GRANT	RECIPIENT RELATIONSHIP	AMOUNT
ALL OUR KIDS, INC.				100000.
BABY TALK				12000.
BAJA CA MISSION FOUNDATION				10000.
CCAFRICA FOUNDATION				40000.
CHENGDU PANDA RESEARCH				40000.
CORNHUSKER COUNCIL				25000.
DE WILDT BOOK				1386.

DE WILDT CHEETAH SANCTUARY	233280.
DECATUR COMMUNITY PTSP	8000.
ECOTRUST	17500.
FRIENDS OF SCOUTING, B S A	5000.
GORILLA CONSORTIUM (WWF)	100000.
LANDMINE SURVIVORS NETWORK	2500.
MARNE CREEK PROJECT	5000.
MCLEAN BIBLE CHURCH	5000.
NATL FND FOR TEACHING	
ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1000.
NATURE CONSERVANCY, IL	35000.
NATURE CONSERVATION TRUST	1230000.
NE GAME AND PARKS	
FOUNDATION	1000.
PATRONATO BENEFICO ORIENTAL	
USA	400.
PROGRAMME INTL CONS	
GORILLAS	5000.
PROJECT SUCCESS	1000.
RANTHAMBHORE NATIONAL PARK	40000.
SHELBY CO DARE PROGRAM	5000.
SOUTH SHORES SCHOOL	16000.
ST AUGUSTINE INDIAN MISSION	5000.
WEBSTER CANTRELL HALL	15000.
WORLD VISION	60000.
WORLD VISION BOOK	37237.
WORLD WILDLIFE FUND	10000.
ZAMORANO BOOK	99056.
ZAMORANO SCHOLARSHIP	10000.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART XV, LINE 3A	<u>2175359.</u>

Depreciation and Amortization
 (Including Information on Listed Property) 990-PF
 ▶ See separate instructions ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return: **HOWARD G. BUFFETT FOUNDATION** Business or activity to which this form relates: **FORM 990-PF PAGE 1** Identifying number: **47-0824756**

Part I Election To Expense Certain Tangible Property Under Section 179 Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I

1	Maximum amount. See instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	24000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	\$200,000
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2000 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2002. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.)

14	Special depreciation allowance for certain property (other than listed property) acquired after September 10, 2001 (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election (see instructions)	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS) (see instructions)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2001	17	
18	If you are electing under section 168(f)(4) to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2001 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
10a 3-year property						
b 5-year property		6823.	5 YRS.	MQ	SL	171.
c 7 year property						
d 10 year property						
e 15 year property						
f 20 year property						
g 25 year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property	/		27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
	/		27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property	/		39 yrs	MM	S/L	
	/			MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2001 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a	Class life				S/L	
b	12-year		12 yrs		S/L	
c	40-year	/	40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instr	22	171.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V **Listed Property** (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement)
Note For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable

Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution See instructions for limits for passenger automobiles)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No **24b** If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for listed property acquired after September 10, 2001, and used more than 50% in a qualified business use							25	
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%				S/L		
		%				S/L		
		%				S/L		
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1							28	
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29

Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person
 If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

	(a) Vehicle		(b) Vehicle		(c) Vehicle		(d) Vehicle		(e) Vehicle		(f) Vehicle	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)												
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? Note If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles		

Part VI **Amortization**

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2001 tax year					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2001 tax year					43
44 Total Add amounts in column (f) See instructions for where to report					44